

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR  
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NEW GREEN SHEET PACKAGE FOR VPLE INSURANCE RULE

The RR Program has finalized a rule package requesting approval for chapter NR 754. This proposed rule (authorized in s. 292.15(2)(ae), Stats.) describes the environmental insurance requirements that must be met for parties to obtain the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) for sites using natural attenuation. At the December 5 & 6 Natural Resources Board meeting, DNR will request authorization for public hearings on this proposed rule. The green sheet package, including a background memo, the proposed rule language, and a fiscal estimate, can be found on RR's Legislation and Regulations web page: [http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi\\_regs/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/index.htm) Public hearings are expected in mid-January 2001. The dates and locations for hearings will be announced on the web page when they are available. For more information on this proposed rule, please contact Michael Prager at [pragem@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:pragem@dnr.state.wi.us) or (608) 261-4927.

INVENTORY AND MAPPING OF KARST FEATURES

The Planning and Mapping Subcommittee of Wisconsin's Groundwater Coordinating Council has announced a new statewide initiative to inventory and map karst features. The subcommittee is asking for help in using the Wisconsin Interagency Karst Feature Reporting Form to describe karst features encountered during routine field activities. The goals of the data collection initiative are to: 1) protect Wisconsin's groundwater resources and endangered species, 2) provide useful information for various land use planning activities, and 3) facilitate construction, agriculture, and resource planning and management activities. If you know of existing karst features, or encounter them during future fieldwork, the Planning and Mapping Subcommittee asks that you consider completing the form. This information will be maintained on file at the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (WGNHS) and is open to the public. The karst reporting form may be downloaded directly from the following web site: <http://www.uwex.edu/wgnhs/karstform.pdf> The WGNHS also maintains a web site with further information about karst and links to the karst form: <http://www.uwex.edu/wgnhs/karst.htm> If you have any questions about the form or Wisconsin's karst features, please contact the WGNHS at (608) 262-1705.

RENEWS ON THE WEB

Our September 2000 edition of "ReNews", the RR Program's quarterly newsletter, is on our web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR656.pdf> It includes articles on the clean up and redevelopment of the Inryco, Babcock & Wilcox site, BRRTS (Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System) on the Web, the proposed geographic registry of groundwater plumes at closed sites, sustainable urban development zone agreements, and more.

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